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(*b*) who met the cost, the Travancore Government or the S. I. R. Company ;

(*c*) who attends to the annual maintenance and exercises control over the buildings ;

(*d*) what are the conditions on which the buildings have been handed over to the S. I. R. Company ; and

(*e*) the amount of receipts in the shape of rent from the buildings in the year 1109 ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Rs. 4,91,641-1-8 up to the end of Vrischikam 1110.

(*b*) Government.

(*c*) The South Indian Railway Company.

(*d*) There are no specific conditions relating to the handing over of the Station buildings alone to the South Indian Railway, as they form part of the Chakai-Tampanur Extension.

(*e*) Government have no information.

Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad : May I know from the Government whether they have practically any control over the buildings now ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The buildings have been already handed over to the South Indian Railway Company along with the Chakkey-Tampanur line.

Bridge across the Neyyar at Mandapattu Kadavu.

45. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai** : With reference to a bridge over the Neyyar at Mandapattu Kadavu in Ottasekharamangalam pakuthi, Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that representations urging the necessity of a bridge were repeatedly made in the Council and in the Assembly ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Yes.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai : May I know from the member what action has been taken in the matter ?

Mr G. B. E. Truscott : The reply to the question is that the construction of the bridge has to wait until the three traces leading to it are made fit for cart traffic.

Classification of Namputiries for purposes of recruitment to public service.

46. ***Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial from the Namputiries stating that, in the matter of Government service, the

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Namputiries should be classified separately and should not be included in the general category of Brahmins ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken upon that ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It will be considered on receipt of the report of the Special Officer, Public Service Recruitment.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know whether any other community has requested that they should be considered as separate for purposes of recruitment ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : I think a number of communities have sent up representations.

Mr E. P. Varghese : May I know whether the Latin Christians have requested Government to consider them as a separate community ?

Rao Sahib Dr N. Kunjan Pillai : Yes.

Mr. E P. Varghese : May I know what action has been taken ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The answer to part (*b*) of the question applies to this question also. It will be considered on the receipt of the report of the Special Officer, Public Service Recruitment.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member whether the Government have accepted the principle of giving appointment to the various communities ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Government have repeatedly stated that their policy is to give equal opportunities to all communities for serving Government. Government have accepted this principle and nothing more than that.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : If so, may I know according to Government what determines the community of an individual ; the community to which he was born or the community to which he belonged on the date of his application ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The community to which he belongs on the date of the application.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know from the member whether in the case of appointments in the Judicial Department Government have given preference to a Catholic, who belonged to that the community on the date of his application although he was born as a Protestant ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : I claim notice.

President : It is a complicated question.

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